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SUBJECT: EC PROPOSAL FOR EUROPEAN/ARAB COOPERATION

1. POLITICAL DIRECTOR DAVIGNON READ TO ME TODAY A PARAGRAPH ON EC RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB STATES THAT WAS AGREED UPON AT THE FEBRUARY 6-7 EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING. HE SAID THAT THE PROPOSALS IT CONTAINED WERE BEING MADE IN REPLY TO THE DEMARCHE BY FOUR ARAB MINISTERS IN COPENHAGEN IN DECEMBER BUT WERE ADDRESSED TO ALL OF THE ARABS. THE PROPOSALS WILL BE PRESENTED FOR
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APPROVAL TO EC FOREIGN MINISTERS ON FEBRUARY 14.

2. THE EC PROPOSALS ENVISAGE COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF TRANSPORT-
ATION, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, TECHNICAL TRAINING AND SCIENCE. THIS IS
TO BE CONVEYED TO WHOMEVER THE ARABS WISH TO NAME AS
THEIR INTERLOCUTOR BY GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL,
ACTING BOTH AS CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE EC COUNCIL AND
AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EC-NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS
IN THEIR POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE HATS. THE SECOND STEP
WOULD CONSIST OF SETTING UP MIXED EC/ARAB WORKING GROUPS
ON EACH OF THE SUBJECTS MENTIONED ABOVE. FINALLY, AS
A THIRD STEP AN ARAB/EUROPEAN CONFERENCE WOULD BE
CONVENED IN THE FALL OF 1974.

3. DAVIGNON TOLD ME THAT SCHEEL HAS A MANDATE TO
DISCUSS THE EC PROPOSAL WITH THE SECRETARY, AND WE
ASSUME HE WILL DO SO DURING THE WASHINGTON ENERGY
CONFERENCE. STRAUSS-HUPE

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